

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1-11 have been amended to improve their form, but not to overcome the prior art. The claim amendments do not alter the scope of the claims. The specification has been amended in the attached substitute specification. No new matter is presented.

The Examiner notes that the drawings were not filed with the application. Applicants submit herewith a complete set of drawings and respectfully notes that the drawings were filed as part of the PCT document which was previously communicated to the U.S. Patent Office. However, as a courtesy, another copy of the drawings is being submitted.

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Janutka, U.S. Patent No. 5,729,067. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

According to claim 1, a magnetic linear drive comprises a coil through which a current passes, and in the interior of the coil the current produces a magnetic flux in an axial direction, having an armature which moves only at right angles to the axial direction. Thus, the armature moves either in front of the coil on the face end or it penetrates the coil vertical to its coiling axis.

The Examiner refers to Fig. 1 of Janutka and asserts that this figure illustrates the claimed invention. However, Fig. 1 is merely illustrates the disconnection of the linear drive from an electric current. The structural design of the magnetic linear drive is illustrated in Fig. 2, however. In Fig. 2, the coils 40 and 38 are clearly coaxially disposed relative to the direction of motion of the anchor 30. Therefore, the current that is generated in the interior of each of the coils 38, 40 is disposed in parallel to the direction of motion of the anchor. This clearly different from what is claimed in claim 1. Thus, the features of claim 1 are not taught or suggested by Janutka.

Claims 7 and 11 recite substantially the same features recited in claim 1, and are therefore allowable for the same reasons. The remaining claims are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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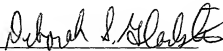
any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to

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